



## REVOLUTION RAMPANT

**Government Making Final  
Attempt at Suppression**

**TO BE BATTLE ROYAL**

**Proletariat Prepared to Give Blow  
for Blow in the Strug-  
gle.**

**WITTE'S LIFE IS IN DANGER**

**Government Fighting for Life in Baltic  
Region Where Revolution Is in Full  
Blast—Flames of Revolt May Spread  
to Poland.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The government claims it has given battle only to the "Red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes the "white terror" has returned. Already leaders of the proletariat agitation who escaped capture Sunday night at the Economic Society meeting, and even men of the rank of Professor Molkeff are in hiding from the police, who are hunting them down. The government evidently anticipates a battle royal, and has made its dispositions accordingly. It fully understands the proletariat will give blow for blow in answer to the wholesale arrests.

The Workmen's council and league of leagues Sunday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately, and consequently by imperial ukase published the morning all the governor general, governors and prefects, throughout the empire who are cut off by telegraph are clothed with almost dictatorial powers; being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg to declare a state of seige, and if necessary even martial law. As most provincial authorities are reactionary officials of the old regime, the advantage they will take of such power to terrorize the populace can be easily imagined, they being in position to become petty tyrants and wage war each in his own particular fashion against the revolutionists.

In addition to the general strike expected, the revolutionaries have recourse to old methods of fighting the government. The state terrorist organization held a meeting in the small hours of the morning. Witte's life is considered in danger and the annex to the palace where he is residing is heavily guarded. The most significant news to come from Tsarskoe Selo, where, in view of the resolution of the government to put its foot down on the strike, a regular campaign is being conducted with the purpose of inspiring loyalty in the guard regiments.

The government has chosen a desperate moment to repress the proletariat. It is fighting for life in the Baltic re-

gion where the revolt is admitted to be in full blast, with almost a practical certainty if it cannot be crushed its flames will spread to Poland.

The government today succeeded in restoring cable communication abroad, but is utterly unable to guarantee how long it will be able to keep the cables in operation.

A report that Count Witte had resigned was in circulation but it is false. It may, however, become true any moment, and General Count Alexis Ignatieff is being held in reserve.

A close friend of the premier tells the Associated Press that Witte had no faith in the policy of Minister of the Interior Durnovo and only consented to it on the condition that it be confined to legal means.

A prominent personage said to the Associated press:

"The step taken toward reaction marks the beginning of the end and the policy which has been inaugurated by the government is bound to fail. The government's task will not be merely the arrest of a small group of leaders, but of the whole population. The powers conferred on the provincial authorities by the imperial ukase is tantamount to declaring martial law throughout the country, and the irresponsible repression which the officers of the old regime will be sure to commit when let loose can only serve to fan the flames."

News from the interior tonight is very scarce. The revolt in the Baltic has spread southward to the province of Kovno, on the border of Poland, which belonged to the old kingdom of Lithuania. The rebellion in Kursk is beyond control and the government's information, being that an uprising is in course of preparation in the Ural regions.

An officer just returned from Manchuria told the Associated Press that a spirit of mutiny prevailed among a large portion of the army and the prisoners from Japan have been saturated with revolutionary ideas by agitators during their captivity, and were ripe for open rebellion.

## NO INFORMATION

**Authorities Do Not Know What  
Train Robbers Got**

**BELIEVE AMOUNT WAS SMALL**

**This Train Had Often Been Held Up,  
and Therefore Carried Little Money  
—Standing Reward for Capture—Of-  
ficials Confident Arrests Will Follow.**

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Officials at the Northern Pacific Express Company headquarters in this city are still without definite details concerning the hold-up of the westbound Northern Pacific North Coast Limited at Hillsdale, Wash., last night and whether or not the bandits secured any great amount of booty they do not know. W. S. Hay, superintendent of the Northern Pacific Express Company is inclined to believe that not over four or five hundred dollars was secured. "This is the same train held up once or twice previously," said Mr. Hay, "and previous experience induces the belief that little was secured. The fact is, we do not carry much money on this run, most of our business being done in checks."

## THE SENATE AND HOUSE WILL ADJOURN THURSDAY

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate will meet the wishes of the House for adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. In the meantime the Senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work unless there is a "drafy" in agreeing with the House on terms of the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill. The late measure

will go to the conference committee early in the week and a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment will be made. The action of the Senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it will probably be the principal bone of contention of the conference committee.

## POLICY OF REPRESSION IS INAUGURATED

**RUSSIANS TRY OLD CURE FOR CIVIC ILLS**

**Mutiny of Rostoff Grenadier Regiment Has Collapsed  
Owing to Internal Dissention---Mutineers  
Return to Duty**

**DISAFFECTED REGIMENTS MAY ALL RETURN SOON TO DUTY**

**Squadron of Cossack Cavalry Fires on a Band of Revolutionaries Killing and  
Wounding a dozen persons—Revolutionaries Killed Two Cossacks—Imperial  
Ukase Issued Empowers All Governors and Municipal Authorities to Pro-  
claim Martial Law in Event of Railway Communication Interfered With.**

Moscow, Dec. 17.—There is intense alarm among the population here over the news from St. Petersburg of the inauguration by the government of a policy of repression.

The mutiny of the Rostoff grenadier regiment collapsed ignominiously tonight owing to internal dissention and the discontent of a large portion of the soldiers who are with the program of the Socialist leaders, who wished to force them to an open collision with the loyal troops.

After a meeting late this afternoon two battalions and a machine gun detachment deserted. The mutineers sent a deputation to General Plavofski, saying they had returned to duty, and imploring pardon and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary committee so as to prove their repentance.

The ringleaders endeavored in vain to hold the other battalions in line, but the defection of their comrades took all heart out of the malcontents.

Upon General Plavofski's ultimatum that he would open fire unless they immediately surrendered, the remaining

mutineers laid down their arms and delivered up Private Schabaroff and other members of the revolutionary committee, as well as several civilians and agitators in the barracks. The officers then resumed command of the regiment.

It is expected that other disaffected regiments will return to duty. There was a serious affair in Stretenska boulevard in the center of the city last night. A squadron of Cossacks fired on a band of revolutionaries, killing or wounding a dozen persons. The revolutionaries killed two Cossacks.

An imperial ukase issued today from St. Petersburg empowers all governors and general and municipal authorities in the event of railway, postal or telegraph communication being interfered with to proclaim a modified martial law. Under the ukase military commanders automatically become governors general. Martial law may be ended only by the order of the minister of the interior, at St. Petersburg. Provisions are already made to enforce compliance with the communication rules, while they remain in force.

## REAL MELODRAMA STIRS WASHINGTON

**Son of Nicaraguan President Is Abduct-  
ed from His American Sweetheart  
by Stern Pope's Orders.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—One of the most sensational episodes that the diplomatic society of the capital has furnished in years is unearthed in the shanghaiing of Alphonso Zelaya, 19 years old, the son of the president of the Nicaraguan republic. A representative of Don Luis Corea, Nicaraguan minister to Washington, with the assistance of two city detectives on Friday last captured the boy while he was calling upon his sweetheart, a Miss Baker, who lives in an exclusive boarding house in K street. Melodrama, as seen on the stage, is tame compared with this incident in real life.

Young Zelaya fell desperately in love with an American girl, who, likewise, was desperately in love with him. The boy, after spending three years at West Point, resigned in order to be near his sweetheart. The course of true love ran smoothly until the opposition of the boy's father called into play the international machinery of diplomacy, the assistance of the state department here, and the instrumentalities of the local police. Then followed a practical abduction, the imprisonment of Zelaya and his special conduct from this country. Young Zelaya is now en route to Nicaragua.

Additional sensation is given the case by the statement made by Capt. Boardman, chief of the local detective force, that the emissary of Minister Corea, who enlisted the assistance of the police and engineered the abduction, is Chester Curtis Mercury of Massachusetts, who has just been selected as

United States consul to Managua, Nicaragua, a post made vacant by the resignation of Chester Donaldson, who befriended the Albers brothers, one of whom was recently arrested there for insulting President Zelaya in the course of certain litigation, to which Albers claimed they had been unjustly subjected.

The abduction itself was accomplished in proper style. Zelaya and his sweetheart were together. Mr. Mercury and Detectives Nelan and McNamee entered the room and placed Zelaya in custody. He protested violently and worked himself into a fury. Miss Baker wept bitterly, but was helpless. He was bundled out of the house, assisted into a closed carriage, which was driven rapidly away.

Zelaya was imprisoned from Friday night until Sunday evening at the Cairo, a big family hotel in the residence section of the city. The boy threatened suicide, but detectives were constantly in attendance.

Miss Baker wept bitterly after bidding her lover farewell. Saturday morning she and her friends called at police headquarters and learned the particulars of the police arrangements from Zelaya. Miss Baker was not permitted to see Zelaya until Sunday evening when at the railroad station Miss Baker and a large party of friends were on hand to bid Zelaya good bye.

Miss Baker is the daughter of a local physician, and is 18 years old. She is prostrated over the affair, and this morning declined to be interviewed. Her marriage to young Zelaya was to have taken place tomorrow night.

## APPEAL TO POLICY HOLDERS.

New York, Dec. 17.—An appeal to policy holders in all the states of the

union to lend assistance in preventing adverse legislation, is made by President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life, in a circular letter which is being sent to policy holders. Morton says the insurance business is certain to be a subject of great consideration by the legislatures soon to convene as a result of what has been printed and said about insurance during the last six months.

## COMMUNICATION RESTORED.

London, Dec. 17.—The Northern Telegraph Company announces that direct communication with St. Petersburg is restored. The company says St. Petersburg is now in communication with Kieff, Vilna, Smolensk, Kharkoff, Moscow, Rostoff on the Don, Kazan, Harborg and the districts in the neighborhood of the Russian capital, but the Baltic provinces are still cut off.

## SHOT IN ABDOMEN.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Robert Rommel, Jr., while duck hunting on an island a few miles North of Portland on Saturday, slipped on a wet log and in falling received a charge from his shotgun in the abdomen. The young man was brought to Portland, where he died today. He was 22 years old.

## "HAYSEED" HOLDUPS.

Wausau, Wis., Dec. 17.—The two men who yesterday held up the Colby State Bank at Colby, Wisconsin, were captured in a saloon here today, making no resistance. All the stolen money was recovered. Both say they are farmers and never before committed a crime.

## LITHUNIANS INDEPENDENT.

Riga, Dec. 17.—After notifying the nobles, the municipality has entered into negotiations, with the rebels. The latter demand as the price of surrender their seventeen hostages including four German subjects, and that the Lithuanian republic be recognized.

## WILL ARRIVE SOON

**Two Divisions of Chinese Im-  
perial Commission.**

**APPOINTED BY DOWAGER**

**Will Study Governments of Japan, Ger-  
many, Austria, France, England and  
America—Party Will Travel Leisurely  
Across United States.**

New York, Dec. 17.—According to cable advices received today by A. W. Bash, who has extensive business interests in China, the two divisions of the imperial Chinese commission appointed by the empress dowager, to study the governments of Japan, Germany, Austria, France, England and America, will arrive in this country in February. One of the divisions will journey leisurely across the American continent from Seattle and take steamer here for Europe. The other division will make an extended stay in America, expecting to spend at least two months in Washington.

## REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAK IN TRANS-CAUCASUS

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Batoum, Kutais, trans-Caucasus, reports the outbreak of a revolution there. It says the streets are barricaded and fierce fighting took place. The military have employed artillery and many are killed. In response to a request by the Turkish consul, the Porte now is arranging to dispatch ves-

## MAKES AWFUL CONFESSION

**Lewiston Youth Admits  
Murdering Pawnbroker**

**IMPLICATES 4 OTHERS**

**Former Night Marshal, Dentist,  
and Two Young Men  
Helped.**

**ACCUSED DENY THEIR GUILT**

**All the Persons Whom Sherman Has  
Confessed Were Implicated in the  
Crimes Have Been Arrested—Police  
Doubt Murderer's Story.**

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Lewiston, says James Sherman, aged 19 years, manager of the Argus Publishing Company's stationery department, recently arrested on suspicion of brutally murdering Sam Studzinski, an old pawn broker, August 21st for the purpose of robbery, has confessed, implicating Dr. E. A. Long, a dentist, Walter Gooch, the former night marshal of Lewiston, and Russell Horstop and David Atchison, young men of the town, in the murder as well as in the postoffice burglary and many other recent burglaries in town.

More jewelry stolen from Studzinski's place was recovered today from the place where it was cached by Sherman. County Attorney Ayers, who was active in solving the murder mystery, today made public the fact of the attempt made December 1st to poison himself and wife, it being his theory that an attempt to put him out of the case by killing or frightening him was made.

All of whom Sherman has implicated in the crimes to which he has confessed are under arrest.

The suspects deny absolutely the truth of the story told by Sherman. Dr. Long points out the fact that he was not in town at the time of the postoffice robbery and this statement is confirmed by the officers. Sherman told contradictory stories regarding some details of the connection of these persons with the crimes and some doubt is expressed by the officers.

## INSURANCE MATTERS

**House Will Continue Discussion on the  
Same Subject Until Thursday.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—Four days before the holiday adjournment will be dedicated in the House to a further discussion of federal control of insurance and completing the enacting of the Panama emergency appropriation. There are many members who desire to talk about insurance. Speaker Cannon has concurred in the general view that the President's message furnishes as good basis as anything for this debate.

sels to Batoum to bring back the refugees.

The dispatch says a similar state of affairs exists at Poti in the same government and in the town of Kutais.

A dispatch from Constantinople says the international fleet, which has been making a demonstration in Turkish waters has been recalled.